

# DIPLOMA

## "FIRST SILESIAN UPRISING ANNIVERSARY"

### FOR THOSE WHO SACRIFISED THEIR LIFE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GERMAN OCCUPATION, TO FREE AND RETURN UPPER SILESIA TO POLAND.

Short wave Ham-radio diploma competition "**First Silesian Uprising**", refers to the Year of Silesian Uprising declared by the Sejm, and by the Silesian Voivodeship council, the Year of the Centenary of the First Silesian Uprising, and aims to promote the most important issues and events related to that Silesian Uprisings.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First Silesian Uprising.

The uprising, under the command of Alfons Zgrzebnik, spontaneously started on August 16, 1919 in connection with the arrest of the Silesian leaders, members of Polish Military Organization and dissatisfaction of Polish population with German terror and repressions.

The direct cause of the uprising was the massacre of miners from the "Mysłowice" mine, who demanded overdue salary payments. When, on August 15, 1919, the miners advanced through the mine's gate, the German soldiers opened fire.

Seven miners, two women and a thirteen year old boy were killed then.

The uprising covered mainly the county of Pszczyna and Rybnik as well as part of the industrial districts of Silesia. The uprising was suppressed by the Germans until August 26, 1919.

The Polish government, which was involved militarily in the Polish-Bolshevik war, was not able to support militarily this uprising.

The unorganized uprising was not successful, but it attracted the international community's attention to the matter of Silesia region.

Under international pressure, the Germans announced an amnesty for the uprising' participants.

To commemorate this historical event, at the initiative of the Silesian Field Branch of PZK in Katowice, in cooperation with the PZK Regional Branch in Pszów, National Defence League Club (SP9KDU) in Tarnowskie Góry, HKŁ Śląska Chorągiewka Polish Scouting Association (SP9ZHP) and Scouting Club (SP9ZHR) will conduct a Ham-radio competition called: "**First Silesian Uprising**" starting **August 15, 2019 (00:00 UTC)** and ending **September 15, 2019 (23:59 UTC)**

The competition consists in establishing communication with the following commemorative stations during this period:

**3Z1919PS, HF1919PS, SN1919PS, SO1919PS, SP1919PS, SQ1919PS.** - 15 points

Stations from county where they were fighting (according to SPPA) - 5 points

**CY, EM, ET, IK, KB, MF, PY, RN, RS, TG, TY, WV, YT**

Points are allocated for communication with commemorative stations and other stations allocating points. Communication with a given station is scored only once regardless of band or emission.

To obtain a special diploma it is required to obtain for:

- stations **SP** (at least) - 100 points
- stations **EU** (without SP) - 60 points
- stations **DX** - 30 points

Diplomas in electronic version available for download on the **logSp** website: <https://logsp.pzk.org.pl/a/ps1919>

Stations assigning points to the diploma are asked to send all their logs for this period on a regular basis to the "logSp" platform. This will ensure efficient issuing of a diploma.

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More information about the uprising, <http://www.muzeumpowstanslaskich.pl/historia/powstania-slaskie/>

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There were three armed conflicts in Upper Silesia, which took place between 1919-1921 between the Polish population against German occupation. They took place during the formation of the Polish Republic after gaining independence after the end of the First World War.

**First Silesian Uprising** - from August 16 to August 24, 1919

**Second Silesian Uprising** - from August 19 to August 20, 1920.

**Third Silesian Uprising** - from May 2/3 (after the plebiscite) until July 5, 1921.

[https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powstania\\_%C5%9B%C4%85skie#II\\_powstanie\\_%C5%9B%C4%85skie](https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powstania_%C5%9B%C4%85skie#II_powstanie_%C5%9B%C4%85skie)

Therefore, the option of continuing the diploma competition in the next two anniversaries is considered, on the occasion of the centenary of each of the uprisings (in 2020 and 2021) for one month. **In 2020 - from August 15 to September 15** and in **2021 - from May 1 to May 31**.

On behalf of the organizers, I invite you to participate in this competition.